

Fighting the Taliban terror

Beyond Mullah Mansour

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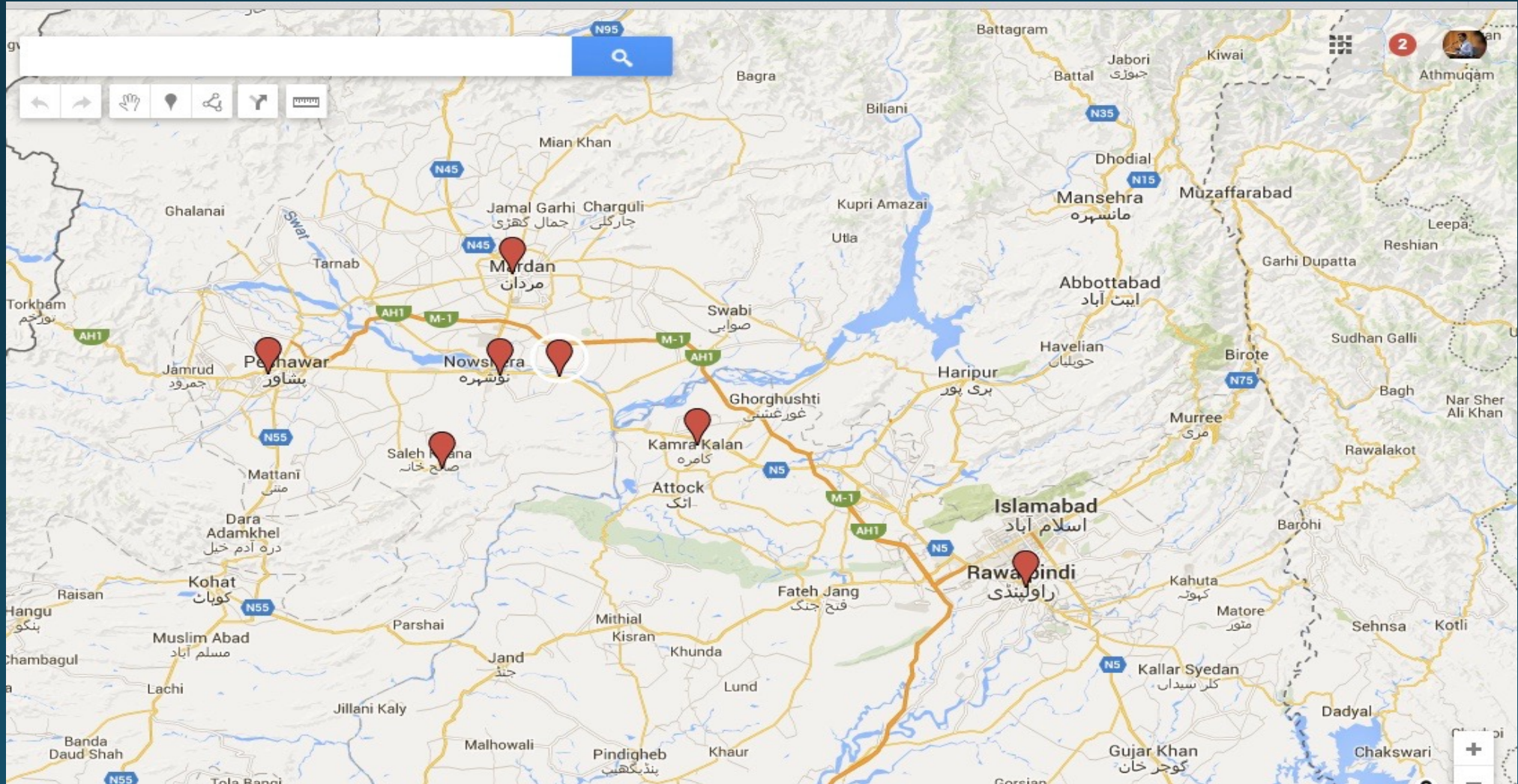
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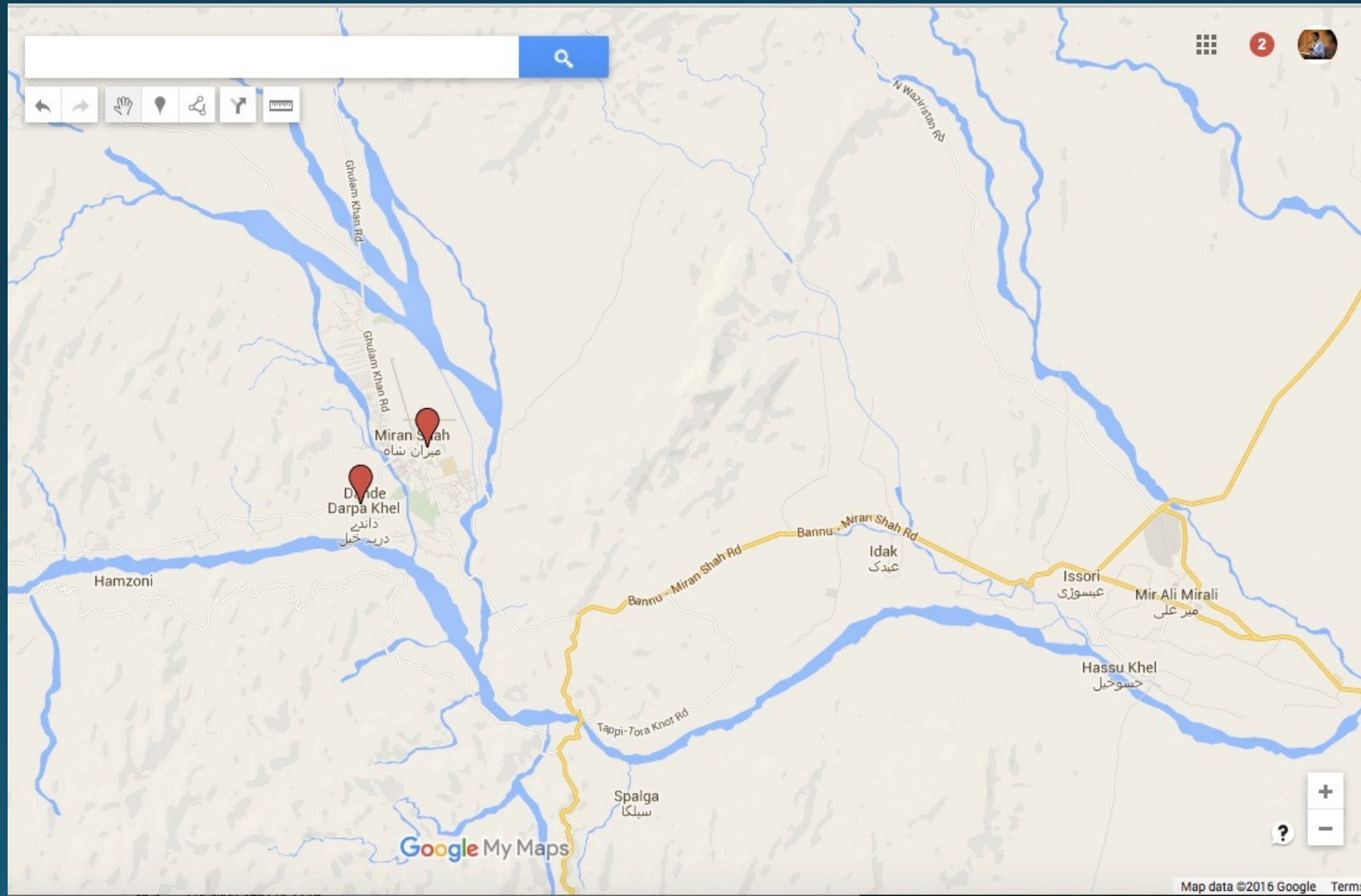
Crisis of identity and strategy

- Radical Islam catalyst for social, cultural, political grievances

Intellectual roots of terror: Haqqaniah Madrassah, Akora



Fountainhead of Jihad: Haqqani Network, Waziristan



Pak reaction: generally disingenuous

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Pakistani Taliban ringleaders droned

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The day after Haibatullah



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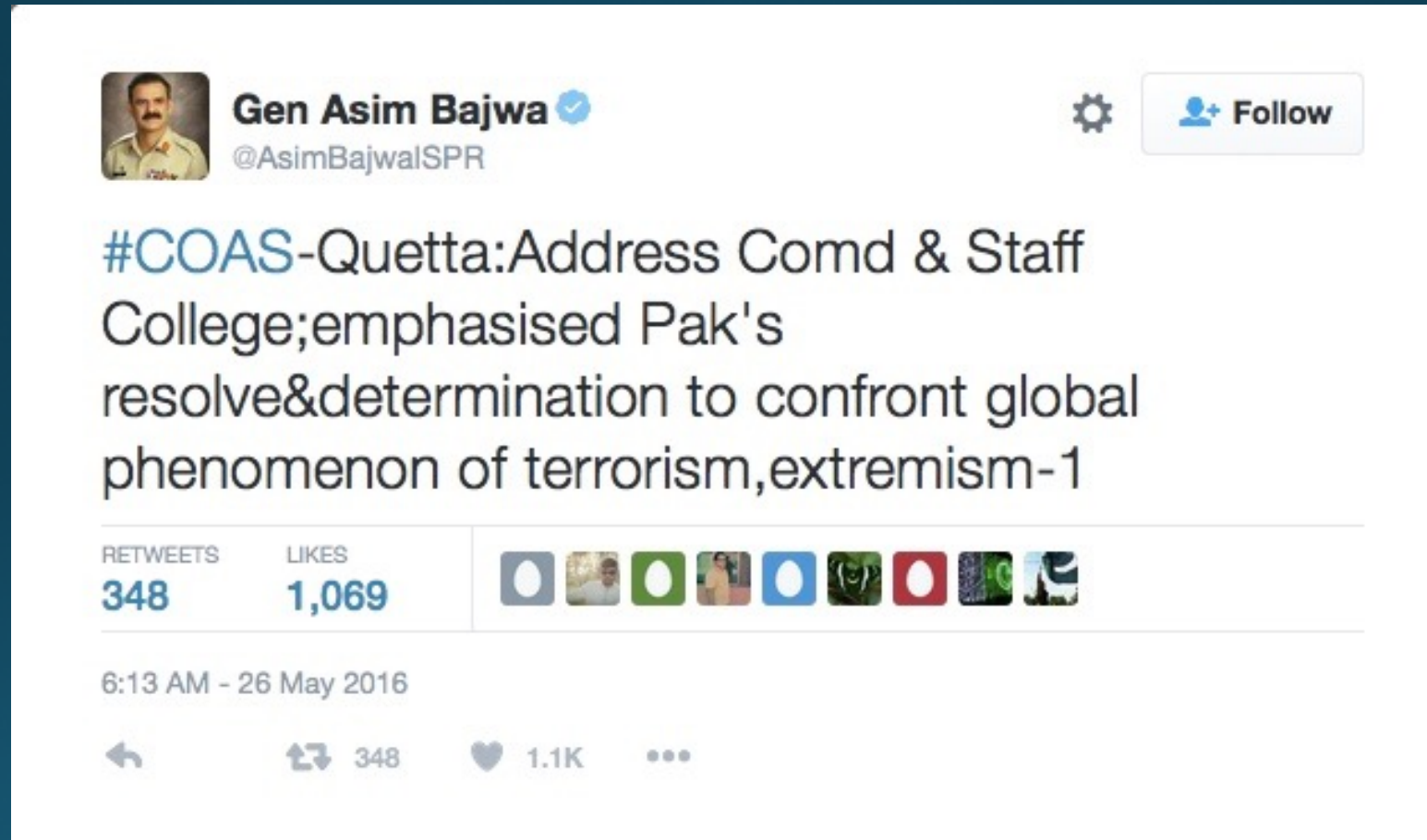
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Confronting global terror, Pak army style







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Less than an hour's drive from where Gen Raheel Sharif stood

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Taliban Name Lesser-Known Cleric as Their New Leader

By MUJIB MASHAL, TAIMOOR SHAH and ZAHRA NADER MAY 25, 2016

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The Taliban identified the man in this photograph as Mawlawi Haibatullah Akhundzada on Wednesday.
Taliban, via European Pressphoto Agency

KABUL, Afghanistan — Faced with a choice between two obvious candidates to take over the [Taliban](#) — one the young son of the insurgency’s founder, the other chief of the Haqqani terrorist network — a small slice of the group’s leadership instead chose “none of the above” on Wednesday.

Breaking four days of silence after their previous [leader was killed](#) by an American drone strike, the Taliban announced that a lesser-known deputy of the group, Mawlawi Haibatullah Akhundzada, a conservative cleric in his 50s, would take over and continue the group’s war against the Afghan government.

Despite a lack of military credentials, Mawlawi Haibatullah became seen during a [hasty series of leadership meetings](#) as a throwback to core religious values and a possible figure to unify around after months of leadership struggle and violent schisms, according to insurgent commanders who were briefed on the selection process.

For Afghan officials and their American allies who are struggling to hold

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Four days of Shura

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Shaken, Taliban Begin Effort to Replace Dead Leader, Mullah Mansour

By MUJIB MASHAL and TAIMOOR SHAH MAY 24, 2016



One of the candidates to lead the Taliban, Sirajuddin Haqqani, is the group's deputy and operational leader, but he was integrated into the Taliban's core leadership only last year and has had little time to build up support among commanders. FBI

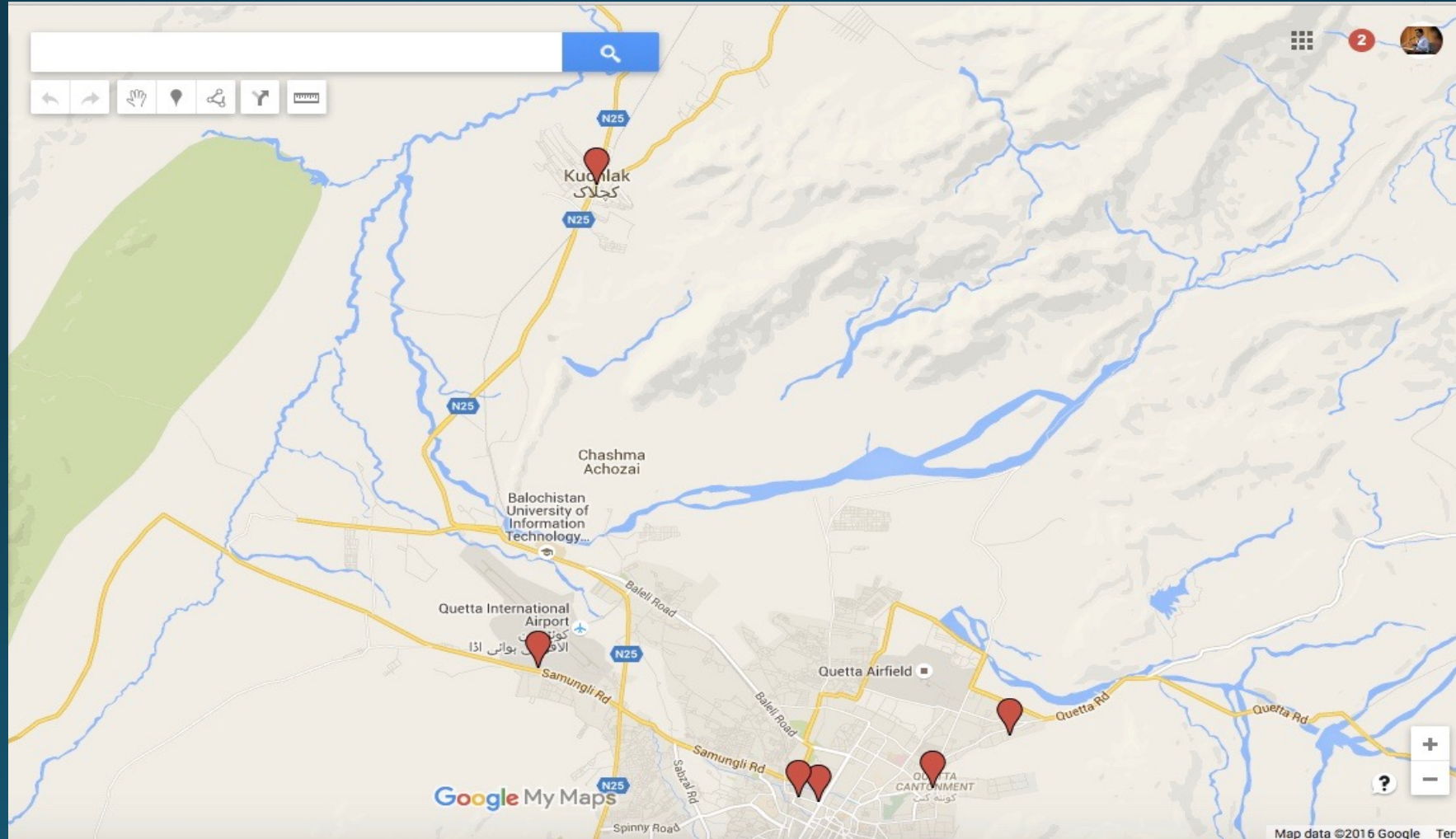
KABUL, Afghanistan — For the second time in less than a year, senior [Taliban](#) leaders have convened in the Pakistani city of Quetta to deliberate how to replace a dead supreme leader.

Unlike last summer's gatherings, where some leaders arrived in convoys of hundreds of vehicles [to choose Mullah Akhtar Muhammad Mansour](#) as the successor to their founding leader, [Mullah Muhammad Omar](#), Taliban figures described the tone of the meetings over the past three days as decidedly low-key, and even shocked.

They described how the American drone strike that was said to have [killed Mullah Mansour in Pakistan's](#) Baluchistan Province on Saturday also destroyed the perception that the protection they had received for years in their Pakistani havens could be permanent. Some angrily accused Pakistani intelligence agents of selling out Mullah Mansour's location to the Americans.

Taliban spokesmen and commanders were happy to jump on the phone last summer, first to reject news of Mullah Omar's death and then to project an image of unity behind Mullah Mansour. This time, there has been mostly

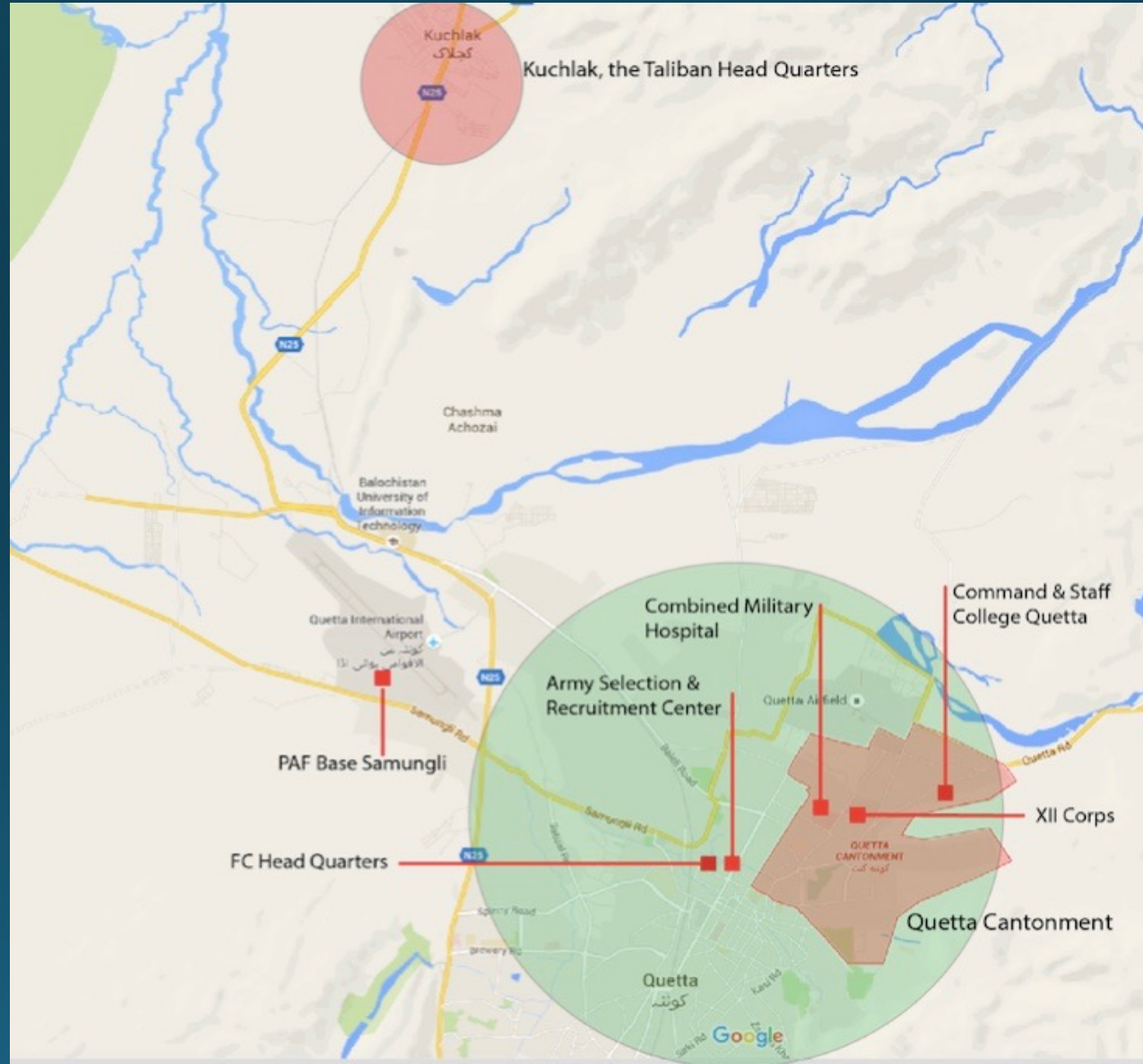
Kuchlak, Quetta and Quetta Shura



Déjà vu all over again: Kuchlak

- Osama bin Laden, Abbottabad and PMA
- No way that anyone can run a terror shop without the knowledge of army and ISI
- Journalists beaten up, diplomats are barred from Quetta
- No rogues in Pakistan army, never tolerated

Quetta Cantonment



Quetta Shura lurks under the army's nose

- Home to army's elite Command & Staff College
- Home of XII Corps & Southern command
- Frontier Corps Headquarters
- ISI's regional directorate
- Pakistan Air Force base flying base Samungli
- Quetta is the provincial capital and seat of Balochistan govt.

Nature of war: Taliban terror

- Kabul attack April 19, 2016
- 71 killed
- Offices and innocent bystanders attacked
- Taliban Emirate proper claimed it
- Where is Taliban headquartered
- Kidnapping and killing civilians ongoing
- Taliban surpassed ISIS as the most prolific terror group
- 1,093 attacks in 2015 with 4000+ fatalities

Pak leverage over Taliban

- Sanctuary: Money, logistics, training, weapons
- Blackmail: families and children
- Pakistan has arrested only those Afghan Taliban who made peace overtures to Kabul
- Undermined Qatar Office as well

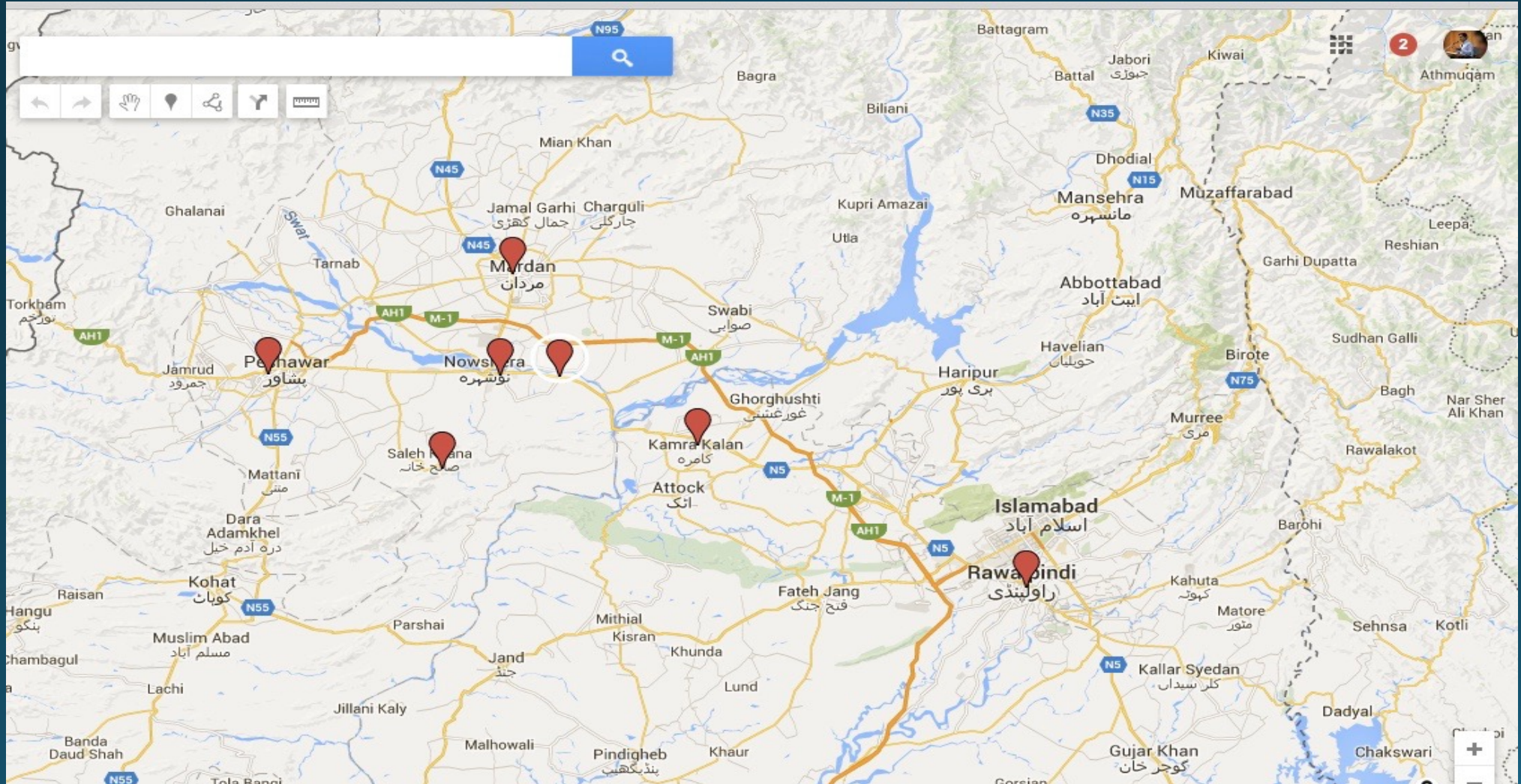
Taliban arrested or killed for peace overtures

- Mullah Obaidullah Akhund
- Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar
- Ustad Yasir killed
- Agha Jan Motassim
- Tayyab Agha
- Mullah Hasan Rahmani

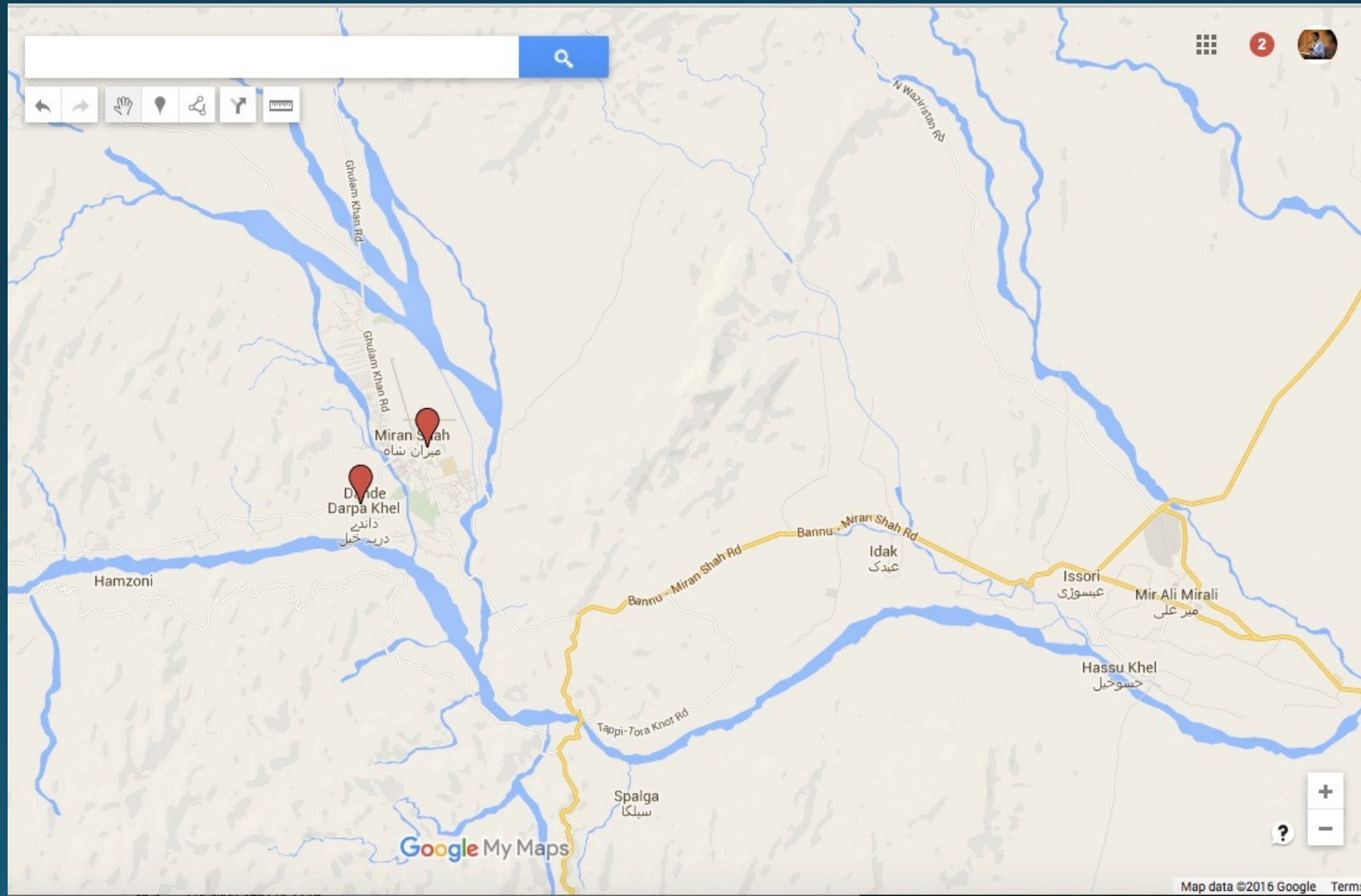
Blowback: myth and reality

- How much of a blowback from arresting Mullah Zaeef
- Afghan Taliban have historically not hit Pakistan even once, hence the Good Taliban
- Taliban nexus with Pak jihadists is its leverage
- Pak jihadists like Sami-ul-Haq, JUD
- Sami's madrasah one hour from the GHQ
- Blowback of the Lal Masjid-TTP kind possible

Haqqaniah Madrassah, Akora



Haqqani Network, Waziristan



What can the US do

- US must do more
- If what the US has done was enough there won't be a need for taking out Mansour in Nushki
- Rewarding truancy doesn't work
- Gravy train must stop
- Military goodies, access, aid
- Will it hurt democracy? That's for Pak civilian leaders to decide
- They should stand up and be counted rather than handing over policy on a platter to army